IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 45, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Also, the photosensitive member cleaning device 63 has a cleaning blade 75 formed of polyurethane rubber for example, disposed such that the tip is pressed against the photosensitive drum 20. Also, with the present embodiment, an electroconductive fur brush 76 which ~~cones~~ comes into contact with the photosensitive drum 20 is also used, in order to improve the cleaning capabilities. A bias is applied to this fur brush 76 from a metal electric field roller 77, with the tip of a scraper 78 pressed against the electric field roller 77. The toner removed from the photosensitive drum 20 by the cleaning blade 75 and fur brush 76 is stored within the photosensitive member cleaning device 63. Subsequently, this is shunted to one side of the photosensitive member cleaning device 63 by a recovery screw 79, returned to the developing device 80 via an unshown toner recycling device, and is reused.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 72, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Note that FIG. 13 through FIG. 15 are the same as the already-described FIG. 2 through FIG. 4, so diagrams are shown with some of the reference numerals changed and description will be omitted. The following description will focus on the configuration and operations of the developing device which is the featured portion.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 115, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In FIG. 26, the communicating channel 2100 is configured of an exhaust path, such that the starting end opening portion 2100A positioned in the positive pressure portion is

positioned in a developing agent moving path at the side where drawing up of the developing agent is started by the screw member 2006B2, and the ending end opening portion 2100B positioned in the negative pressure portion is positioned behind the doctor blade 2006B4 which is the layer thickens restricting member in the direction of movement of the developing agent. Behind the doctor blade 2006B4 where the ending end opening portion 2100B is positioned, a negative pressure tendency occurs due to the pumping action by the air being dammed by the doctor blade ~~2006G4~~ 2006B4. Accordingly, communicating this with the starting end opening portion 2100A in a positive pressure state generates a pressure difference, whereby air can be communicated.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 127, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 37 illustrates an image formation apparatus to which has been applied the developing device according to the present embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 38 illustrates a processing cartridge (denoted by symbol PCB for ease of description) for a photosensitive member. For the apparatus shown in FIG. 37, that described in the embodiment corresponding to the third object according to the present invention will be used with ~~only~~ some of the reference numerals changed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 130, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the example shown in FIG. 39, in order to set a position where the developing agent can be taken in, a relation is established wherein the relations $G2 \leq G3$ and $G1 \geq G2 - t$ are satisfied, wherein G1 represents the gap between the entrance where the magnetic brush enters the housing 3006H and the photosensitive member 3003B, G2 represents the gap

between the developing sleeve 3006B1 and the wall face of the housing 3006H at the stage prior to the magnetic brush passing through the opening 3006P1, G3 represents the gap between the developing sleeve ~~3006G1~~ 3006B1 and the housing at the position where the developing agent has passed the opening 3006P1, and further, t represents the layer thickness of the magnetic brush carried on the developing sleeve 3006B1 at the stage prior to reaching the developing-agent-dropping repelling magnetic field formation region DD.

Please replace the Abstract at page 160 as follows: